AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An inkjet ink comprising at least one dye in an aqueous medium, wherein the dye satisfies a relation of $\varepsilon 1/\varepsilon 2 > 1.2$ wherein $\varepsilon 1$ represents a molar extinction coefficient obtained from absorbance at the maximum wavelength of a spectral absorption curve obtained by measuring an aqueous solution of the dye having a concentration of 0.1 mmol/liter using a cell having a light pass length of 1 cm and $\varepsilon 2$ represents a molar extinction coefficient obtained from absorbance at the maximum wavelength of a spectral absorption curve obtained by measuring an aqueous solution of the dye having a concentration of 0.2 mmol/liter using a cell having a light pass length of 5 μm.

2. (original): An ink set comprising the ink as claimed in Claim 1 as at least one of constituting inks.

3. (original): The ink set as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the dye contained in the ink as claimed in Claim 1 constituting the ink set is an azo dye having a heterocyclic group.

4. (original): The ink set as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the azo dye having a heterocyclic group is an azo dye wherein two heterocyclic groups are connected by an azo bond.

5 (original): The ink set as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the dye contained in the ink as claimed in Claim 1 constituting the ink set is a metal chelate dye wherein a metal coordinated with a heterocyclic group form a nucleus.

6. (original): The ink set as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the metal chelate dye wherein a metal coordinated with a heterocyclic group form a nucleus is a phthalocyanine dye.

7. (currently amended): ~~The ink set as claimed in Claim 2, which is for use in~~ A method of inkjet recording comprising ejecting an ink according to Claim 1 onto a recording material.

8. (new): The inkjet ink as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the dye is represented by one of the following formulae (1) to (4):

$$A_{11}-N=N-B_{11} \qquad\qquad (1)$$

wherein A_{11} and B_{11} each independently represents a heterocyclic group which may be substituted;

(2)
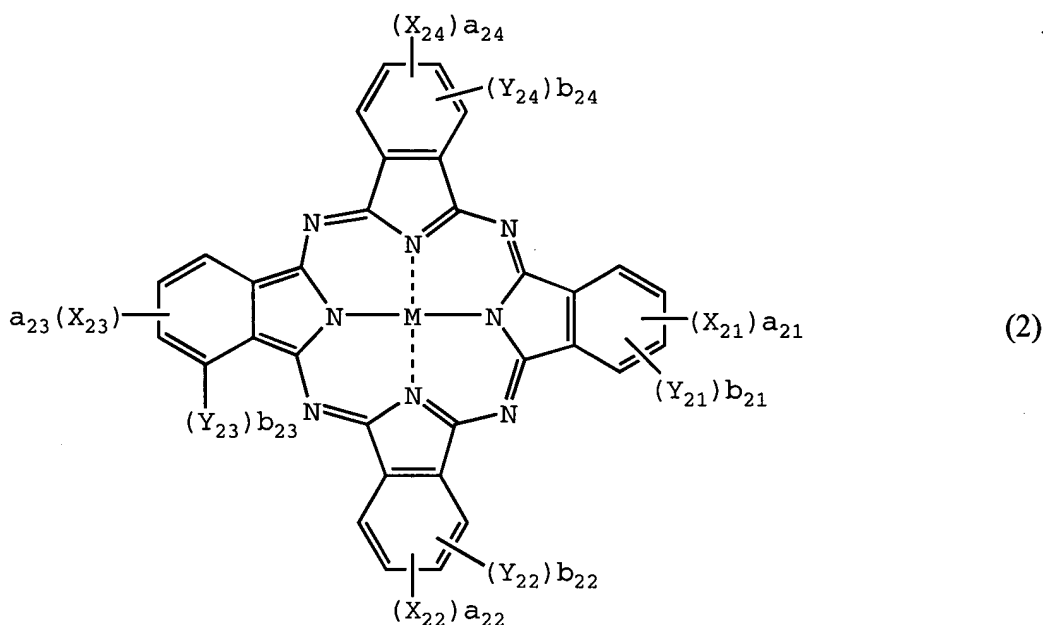
wherein X_{21}, X_{22}, X_{23} and X_{24} each independently represents $-SO-Z_2$, $-SO_2-Z_2$,

$-SO_2NR_{21}R_{22}$, a sulfo group, $-CONR_{21}R_{22}$ or $-COOR_{21}$,

Z_2 independently represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or

unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or

unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group or a substituted or

unsubstituted heterocyclic group,

R_{21} and R_{22} each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or

unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or

unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or

unsubstituted aryl group or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group,

Y_{21}, Y_{22}, Y_{23} and Y_{24} each independently represents a monovalent substituent,

a_{21} to a_{24} and b_{21} to b_{24} represent the numbers of substituents X_{21}, X_{22}, X_{23} and X_{24} and

Y_{21} Y_{22}, Y_{23} and Y_{24}, respectively, a_{21} to a_{24} each independently represents an integer of from 0

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to 4, provided that all of a_{21} to a_{24} are not 0 at the same time, and b_{21} to b_{24} each independently

represents an integer of from 0 to 4, provided that when a_{21} to a_{24} and b_{21} to b_{24} each represents

an integer of 2 or more, the plurality of $X_{21}s$, $X_{22}s$, $X_{33}s$, $X_{24}s$, $Y_{21}s$, $Y_{22}s$, $Y_{23}s$ or $Y_{24}s$ may be

the same or different from each other, and

M represents a metal atom or an oxide, hydroxide or halide thereof;

(3)
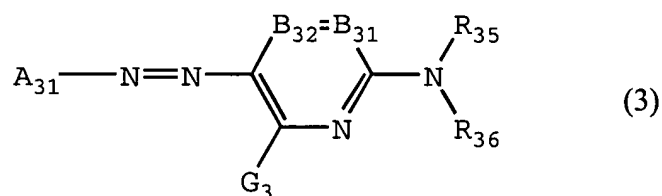
wherein A_{31} represents a 5-membered heterocyclic group,

B_{31} and B_{32} each represents $=CR_{31}-$ or $-CR_{32}=$, or either one of B_{31} and B_{32} represents a

nitrogen atom and the other represents $=CR_{31}-$ or $-CR_{32}=$,

R_{35} and R_{36} each independently represents a hydrogen atom, an aliphatic group, an

aromatic group, a heterocyclic group, an acyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an

aryloxycarbonyl group, a carbamoyl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an arylsulfonyl group or a

sulfamoyl group, and each group may further have a substituent,

G_3, R_{31} and R_{32} each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an

aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a heterocyclic group, a cyano group, a carboxy group, a

carbamoyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, a heterocyclic

oxycarbonyl group, an acyl group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group, an aryloxy group, a

heterocyclic oxy group, a silyloxy group, an acyloxy group, a carbamoyloxy group, an

alkoxycarbonyloxy group, an aryloxycarbonyloxy group, an amino group (including an

arylamino group and a heterocyclic amino group), an acylamino group, a ureido group, a

sulfamoylamino group, an alkoxycarbonylamino group, an aryloxycarbonylamino group, an

alkylsulfonylamino group, an arylsulfonylamino group, a heterocyclic sulfonylamino group, a

nitro group, an alkylthio group, an arylthio group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an arylsulfonyl group,

a heterocyclic sulfonyl group, an alkylsulfinyl group, an arylsulfinyl group, a heterocyclic

sulfinyl group, a sulfamoyl group, a sulfo group or a heterocyclic thio group, and each group

may be further substituted, and

R_{31} and R_{35}, or R_{35} and R_{36} may be combined with each other to form a 5-membered or 6-

membered ring;

$$A_{41}\text{-N=N-}B_{41}\text{-N=N-}C_{41} \qquad (4)$$
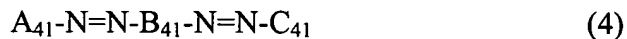
wherein A_{41}, B_{41} and C_{41} each independently represents an aromatic group which may be

substituted or a heterocyclic group which may be substituted.